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APPLICANTS: Yukiko NAKANISHI et al. CONF.: 6638  
APPLN. NO: 09/145,987 GROUP: 1623  
FILED: September 3, 1998 EXAMINER: Everett WHITE  
FOR: CELLULOSE ACETATE AND DOPE CONTAINING THE  
SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

September 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 13, 2002, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month until September 13, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in the file of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Amend claims 1-13, 15-18, 20, and 22 to read:**

1. (five times amended) A cellulose triacetate compound obtained by the reaction of a cellulose, which may contain a hemicellulose, with a reactant consisting essentially of acetic anhydride in the presence of a sulfuric acid catalyst and having at least one feature selected from the group consisting of:

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- ☒ Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$110.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$110.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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